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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

On July 14, 2011, Applicant's representative, Chris J. Volkmann, and Examiner Stroder conducted an interview for the above-identified application. During the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the cited Beran reference and the amended claims in Applicant's previous response filed on June 27, 2011. Applicant's representative contended that the cited references do not teach or suggest providing registration information from a requestor and downloading an RFQ generation engine to the requestor that is used to enter job information into an RFQ template. Applicant noted that the cited Beran reference discloses a centralized system, as discussed in Applicant's response. Applicant also contended that the cited references do not teach or suggest an RFQ template having fields as recited in the independent claims. For instance, the references do not teach or suggest an award criteria field indicative of criteria considered in awarding a requested job to a supplier where received replies are automatically evaluated based on the award criteria to identify a supplier.

No agreement was reached during the interview. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for her time and consideration in conducting the interview.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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